

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BERLIN 05389 251723Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 VO-03 CIAE-00 FBIE-00 INSE-00 NSAE-00
EB-08 COME-00 INR-07 DODE-00 EURE-00 SSO-00 INRE-00
/031 W

-----251737 046402 /43

O R 251601Z FEB 77
FM AMEMBASSY BERLIN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4190
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN
USMISSION USBERLIN UNN

C O N F I D E N T I A L BERLIN 5389

E O 11652: GDA
TAGS: ETRA, EEWT, PFOR, GE
SUBJ: PROLONGED STAYS BY GDR TECHNICAL PERSONNEL

REF: STATE 09857

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED FEBRUARY 23 A DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM CONSULAR AFFAIRS DIVISION OF MFA REQUESTING VISAS FOR MULTIPLE ENTRY PROLONGED STAY IN US BY SERVICE ENGINEER GERHARD KROETZSCH AND WIFE RUTH KROETZSCH. PURPOSE OF PRESENCE IN US IS GIVEN AS SERVICE ENGINEER AT REQUEST OF ROYAL ZENITH COMPANY, 2101 JERICHO TURNPIKE, NEW HYDE PARK, NY 11040 (PRESIDENT J.L. REINITZ). NOTE SAYS KROETZSCH'S INTEND TO TRAVEL MARCH 7, 1988 AND PLAN TO RESIDE IN WASHINGTON. NOTE STATES "THIS APPLICATION IS MADE ON THE BASIS OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN STATE SECRETARY BEIL WITH UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS. AND BETWEEN THE US CHARGE D'AFFAIRES POLANSKY AND FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL KIRSTEN."

2. EMBASSY NOTES IN PASSING THAT MR. GARY ISRAEL OF ROYAL ZENITH CORP. VISITED THE EMBASSY CONSULAR
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BERLIN 05389 251723Z

SECTION FEBRUARY 14 DURING WHICH CALL HE THANKED EMBASSY FOR PAST COOPERATION IN ISSUING VISAS TO GDR PERSONNEL, SAID HE CURRENTLY HAS SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS INVOLVING SERVICING GDR PRINTING MACHINERY, BUT DID NOT MENTION THAT KROETZSCH WOULD BE APPLYING FOR A PROLONGED STAY. DEPARTMENT WILL RECOGNIZE ROYAL ZENITH AS AGENT FOR UNITECHNA, THE GDR FOREIGN

TRADE ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR TRADE IN PRINTING
MACHINERY AND TEXTILE MACHINERY.

3. SINCE EMBASSY'S CONVERSATION WITH MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN TRADE ON JANUARY 7 (BERLIN 5036), WE
HAVE NOT DISCUSSED PROLONGED STAYS OF GDR PERSONNEL
WITH THE EAST GERMANS. IN VIEW OF DEPARTMENT'S
CURRENT VIEWS ON THIS QUESTION, WE PROPOSE THAT FOR
THE PRESENT WE NOT REPLY FORMALLY TO THE GDR NOTE,
BUT THAT WE ORALLY INFORM THE CONSULAR DIVISION
AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE THAT AS ANTICIPATED
BY THE EMBASSY IN OUR CONVERSATION AT THE FOREIGN
TRADE MINISTRY ON JANUARY 7, RESPONSIBLE U.S. OFFICIALS
CONSIDER THAT STATEMENTS AND STEPS TAKEN
RECENTLY BY THE GDR IN RELATIONS TO MATTERS WITHIN
FOUR-POWER COMPETENCE HAVE CREATED AN ATMOSPHERE
IN WHICH THE US DOES NOT CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE TO
ACCEDE TO THE GDR REQUEST.

4. DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS BEFORE OUR RECEPTION
AT NOON LOCAL TIME, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28 WOULD BE
ESPECIALLY USEFUL. POLANSKY

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DIPLOMATIC NOTES, ENTRY VISAS, TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 25-Feb-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977BERLIN05389
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770066-0758
Format: TEL
From: BERLIN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770211/aaaaajdu.tel
Line Count: 84
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: bc501fbf-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 STATE 9857
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 04-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3234607
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PROLONGED STAYS BY GDR TECHNICAL PERSONNEL
TAGS: ETRD, EEWT, PFOR, GC, US, (KROETZSCH, GERHARD)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/bc501fbf-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009